

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking Into
Implementation of Senate Bill 669 and Assembly
Bill 1734, As They Affect the Deaf and Disabled
Telecommunications Equipment and Services
Program Fund.

Rulemaking 03-03-014
(Filed March 13, 2003)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
GRANTING PETITION AND MOTION**

The above-captioned proceeding was instituted on March 13, 2003, and set forth a schedule for interested parties to request placement on the service list for this proceeding, and to file opening and reply comments.

On April 15, 2003, a motion was received from the California Coalition of Agencies Serving the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Inc. (Coalition) to accept late-filed comments. The lateness of filing was based on a representation as to the unavailability of the service list at the Commission's web site until the comment due date of April 15. The Coalition represents that it mailed its comments on April 15 so that no party should be prejudiced by the slight delay in receipt of their comments. Their motion to permit a late filing of their opening comments is granted.

Also on April 15, 2003, a petition was filed by the Commission's Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA), which asks to intervene in this proceeding and file comments. The comments were tendered with the petition. ORA, while it did not indicate its intention to participate by the date set for establishing the service

list, has timely filed its comments. Since this was the only substantive activity to date in this proceeding, there should be no prejudice to any part by granting the petition to intervene at this time. Their petition is granted.

Therefore, **IT IS RULED** that the motion of the California Coalition of Agencies Service the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Inc. to accept late filed opening comments in this proceeding and the Petition of the Office of Ratepayer Advocates to intervene in this proceeding are both granted.

Dated April 21, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/PHILIP SCOTT WEISMEHL

Philip Scott Weismehl
Assistant Chief
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Granting Petition and Motion on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record. In addition, service was also performed by electronic mail.

Dated April 21, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ FANNIE SID

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N O T I C E

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